

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:

Kazuo MASUDA, et al.

Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned

Application No.: Not yet assigned

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Filed: July 18, 2003

Confirmation No.: Not yet assigned

For: AN OBLIGATION ESTABLISHMENT SUPPORTING SYSTEM, AND A METHOD  
AND A COMPUTER PROGRAM THEREOF

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**


**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the references listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 be made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jean C. Edwards  
Registration No. 41,728

Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP  
P.O. Box 061080  
Wacker Drive Station  
Chicago, Illinois 60606-1080  
**Telephone: 312/876-2891**  
**Facsimile: 312/876-7457**  
**Date: July 18, 2003**

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet	1	of	2
-------	---	----	---

**Complete if Known**

Application Number	Not yet assigned
Filing Date	July 18, 2003
First Named Inventor	Kazuo Masuda
Group Art Unit	Not yet assigned
Examiner Name	Not yet assigned
Attorney Docket Number	30014630.0003

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]Examiner  
SignatureDate  
Considered

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04.

<sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

**Burden Hour Statement:** This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO:** Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

*(use as many sheets as necessary)*

Sheet	2	of	2
-------	---	----	---

Application Number	Not yet assigned
Filing Date	July 18, 2003
First Named Inventor	Kazuo Masuda
Group Art Unit	Not yet assigned
Examiner Name	Not yet assigned
Attorney Docket Number	30014630.0003

[illegible]

Examiner  
Signature

Date  
Considered

<sup>1</sup> Unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

**Burden Hour Statement:** This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

+